Hillel, Christian Fellowship Clash Over Jews for Jesus

By RICHARD GREEN
News Editor

A heated controversy is arising between the Hillel Council and the Campus Christian Fellowship over the performance of a Jews for Jesus organization music group called the Liberated Wailing Wall. The program took place on Jan. 13 and was sponsored by the Campus Christian Fellowship.

Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein, adviser to the Hillel Council, charged that the program violated every point in the official "Guidelines for Appropriate Activities by Religious Clubs at Valley College," and belittled the Jewish religion.

"Basically the program was very insensitive to Jewish views and made fun of the Jewish religion," said Goldstein. "The religious guidelines, which were established four years ago were intended to prevent this kind of occurrence. One of the basic underlying principles behind the guidelines involves not trying to convert people from one religion to another, and this was exactly what the Jews for Jesus people were trying to do."

Despite Goldstein's belief that the guidelines should be respected and adheared to, Myron A. Mann, adviser to the Campus Christian Fellowship, termed the guidelines "nothing more than a gentleman's agreement."

"I'm not sure that the guidelines, which were establsihed several years ago, have any vadlidity," said Mann.

"The guidelines were enacted initially to keep the Campus Christian Fellowship quiet and they are prejudicial against our club."

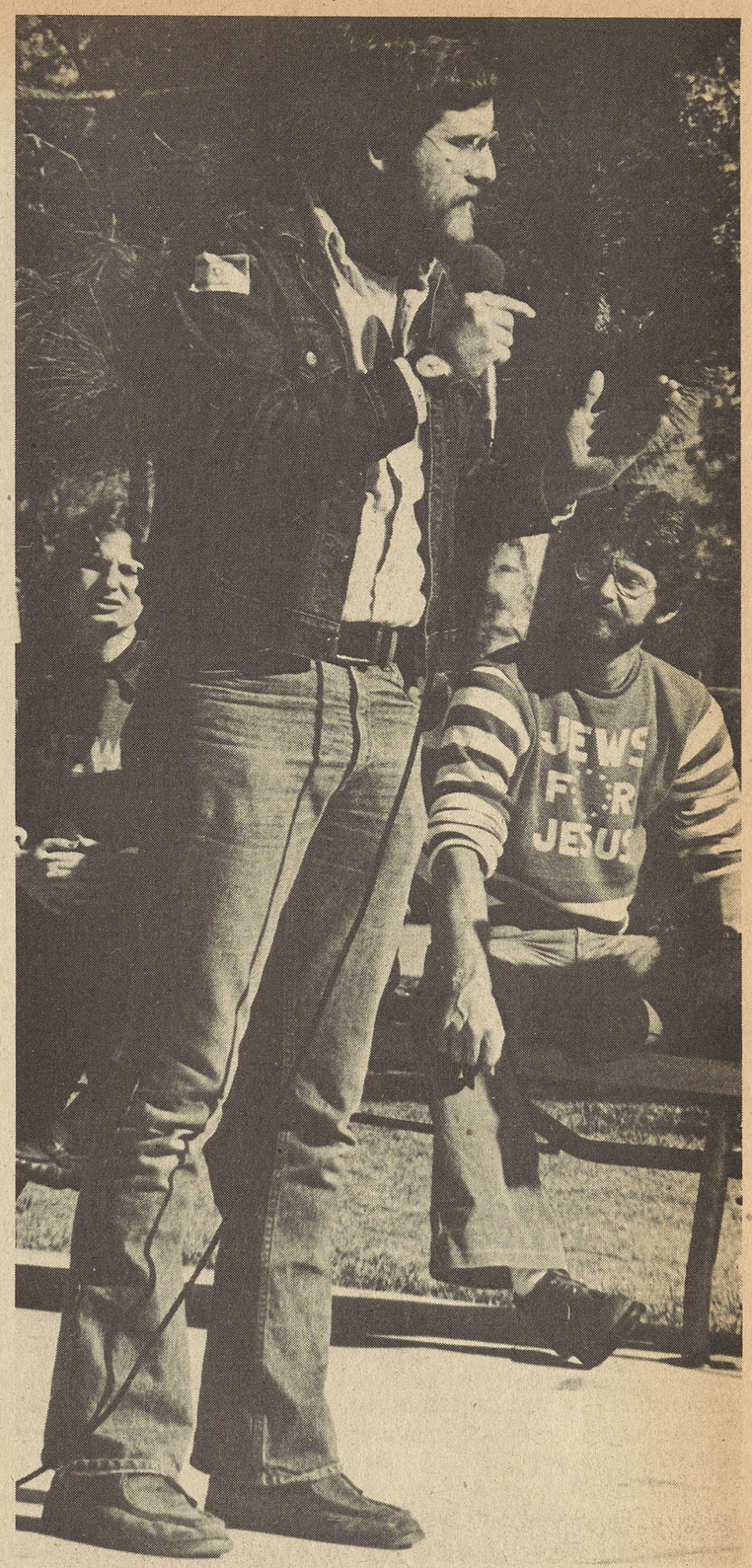
Ofer Touboul, president of Hillel, attempted to contact Ruby Zuver, dean of students, in order to cancel the program. He was only able to contact coordinator Lois Lewis, and she informed him that since the content of the program was unknown, it would be improper to cancel it.

Lewis was present on Friday when the program took place. When questioned she admitted that, once the program began, she was aware that the program was contrary to the official religious guidelines.

"Even though it was apparent that the program violated the guidelines, since they are just a gentleman's agreement, and since the program did not endanger anybody, I felt that it was not necessary to stop it," said Lewis.

The Hillel Council is not planning any action against the Campus Christian Fellowship until a meeting between the two clubs can take place, according to Touboul.

Although, Touboul would like to see a new adherence to the guidelines, Myron A. Mann would like to see a new set of guidelines initiated.



WALKING ON THIN WATER—An unidentified member of the Jews for Jesus attempts to make a point at a recent presentation in the Free Speech area, which was the subject of vehement disapproval from members of the Hillel Council.
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'HELP PLAN THEIR FUTURE'

Career Center; Aid for Jobless

By STEPHEN O'SHAUGHNESSY
Staff Writer

In today's troubled employment picture, Valley College offers unknowing students various opportunities to find full-time jobs, part-time jobs, career opportunities, and apprenticeship programs.

"It's amazing how many Valley College students are not aware that we offer them an assortment of programs designed to get them (students) jobs," said Dr. Lynn Lomen, coordinator of the Career Opportunity Center, "whether career or temporary employment. Even counseling services are offered to students to instruct and help them plan their future."

Under the unifying title of Coordinator of Career Opportunity Center, Dr. Lomen directs the Cooperative Education Center, the Volunteer CORPS, the Placement Services Center, and the Apprenticeship Program.

"These programs are not separate, but are actually complimentary to each other giving the student a good opportunity to not only secure jobs, but also to start careers," said Lomen.

Dr. Lomen said that 75 percent of the students attending Valley College work. Although he expressed dismay over the number of students who are not aware of the services under the Career Opportunity programs, he said that the Placement Center referred 20,654 student to jobs during the 1975-'76 school year.

Located in Campus Center 116, the Placement Center lists mostly part-time jobs, but also has "50 to 100 full-time jobs listed at any one time," said Dr. Lomen.

Lomen mentioned, for instance, that 3,217 students out of the 20,654 referred were hired by employers. Although these percentages may at first seem poor, Dr. Lomen cautioned that each student looking for a job is given three referrals and might come back for three more referrals, choosing whatever appeals to him, even though three employers may accept him.

Recruiting programs by the Career Opportunity Center also creates pilot programs that allow Valley College graduates an opportunity to secure a full-time job in many careers.

A special program that refers jobs to Senior Citizens, and even the Occupational Exploration Series, an Evening Students Occupational Series (both are current running series in which speakers from various business fields describe the requirements and functions of their jobs) are student services incorporated under the Placement Center.

While sanctioned by the State of California, Dr. Lomen said that the Cooperative Education Center gives students a chance to work in their major while attending school. Under this program, students must carry eight units in courses at Valley and must enroll in a Cooperative Education classes, said Lomen.

"The Cooperative Education class gives students a chance to gain valuable experience in the field of work they are majoring in," said Lomen. Not a class in the traditional sense, Lomen said the instructor

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Pool Deadline Nears, Student Aid Asked

"We are counting on the support of students as well as the community if we hope to raise the funds necessary for the mini-pool by our goal of April 1," stated Austin Conover, public information officer.

Optimism in regard to achieving this goal was recently uplifted due to the proposed bids being substantially lower than what was first thought.

Originally the project was estimated to cost in the neighborhood of $28,000, however the initial bids from two separate contractors were only $26,-000.

Though both bids were the same, acceptance of one or the other is contigent upon the coinciding bids for construction of the big pool.

Currently over $4,000 has been raised, primarily by donations from public service groups and student activities. One other channel hoping to be utilized will be the solicitation of donations from prominent public leaders.

Conover stressed that the advantages of the mini-pool would benefit many factions of the community. Besides the difference in the perimeter dimensions, the mini-pool would only contain shallow water.

As a result of this, the pool would basically be used by the handicapped, Sr. adults, and for the instruction of children.

Should the funds be raised by the beginning of April, construction of the pools will hopefully be finished by the end of the Fall '77 semester.

CALM BEFORE THE STORM—Lines at the Bookstore were small Tuesday, however, they are certain to lengthen in the next couple of weeks as students go through the semi-annual ritual of purchasing supplies.
Valley Star Photo by Barry Slobin

Governor's School Plan Under Fire

"Governor Edmund G. Brown's plan to revise the state school financing system as ordered by the State Supreme Court is totally inadequate," declared Stephen H. Edwards Jr., president of the California Teachers Association.

"The amount of money the governor proposes is not enough if we are going to guarantee quality education for the state's five million pupils and restore programs in school districts where they have been drastically cut back during the past few years."

But public education is big business in the state of California and the proposed budget will eat up $12 billion, during the coming fiscal year. While half of the $12 billion will come from the general fund budget, the balance will come from the taxpayers' pockets through property tax, federal income tax, tuition payments, and numerous hidden sources impossible to trace.

"We have a number of concerns," Edwards went on to say, "For example, what about the special problems of urban school districts regardless of their wealth? We have to make sure funds are not taken from these districts which have alot of special problems due to poverty.

"Also, this year we received an additional $37 per student for general aid. Under the governor's plan, next year we get only an additional $15 in general aid.

"I certainly don't consider this progress!"

A serious flaw, and one that the teachers will resist with all their might, is the governor's proposal that teachers and school districts help pay for the state's failure to properly fund the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), said Edwards.

"This is a state liability and we think the state should pay the whole cost and not load it on teachers and local taxpayers," Edwards said. "This 'Catch-22' provision would fragment the retirement system and cause monumental costly administrative problems for STRS."

Edwards noted that while funding of community colleges was not part of the Serrano decision (the decision that knocked down local taxpayer funding of schools because of disparities in wealth).

"We would like to know the governor's plans about funding this important segment of our educational system," said Edwards.

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AFT Victor in Close Election; Opponents Challenge Results

By JOHN MILBURN
Staff Writer

In a challenged election Jan. 22, the American Federation of Teachers-College Guild (AFT) won the right to represent the Los Angeles Community College District in collective bargaining, defeating the runner-up Los Angeles College Teachers Association (LA-CTA) by 379 votes out of 3,940 cast.

LA-CTA attorneys filed objections on Jan. 27, to the Educational Employment Relations Board, the state agency formed to administer the Rodda Act on collective bargaining. Under the tenets of the act, a challenge may be issued on two grouds—unfair labor practices, and serious irregularities in the conduct of the election.

According to a LA-CTA bulletin, their objections are based on faculty allegations of coercion, interference, harrassment and restraint of voters, preferential treatment by administration for AFT representatives, and false statements made to influence voter opinion of LA-CTA.

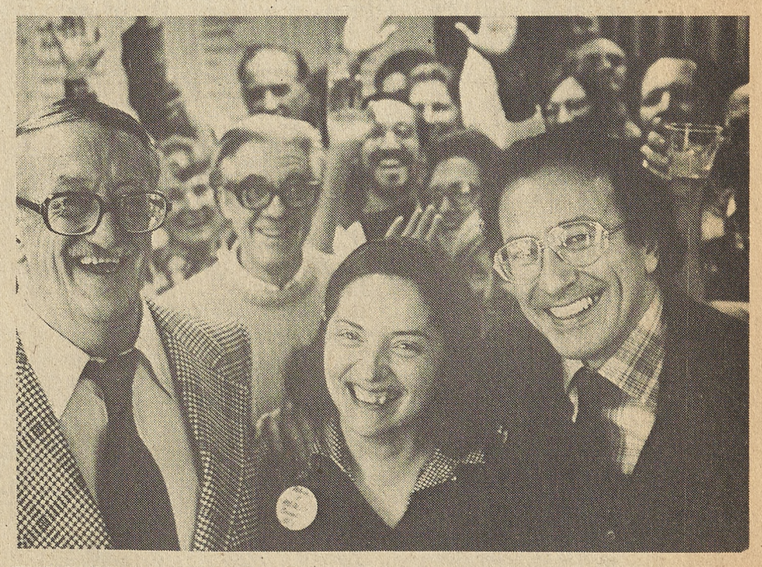
Dr. Merle Fish, LA-CTA chapter president, said that a steering committee had decided that there was enough material in the faculty charges to warrant an investigation, but did not know any specifics regarding the charges.

"I personally don't feel anything will come of the charges," Fish said. "I haven't seen anything like that on this campus. There has been a lot of pressure, but not unethical, just an eagerness to succeed."

AFT concern centers chiefly around an anticipated delay in the opening of negotiations, resulting from the challenge, which could be over two months.

Dr. Arnold Fletcher, AFT president, said, "We did everything which LA-CTA asked us to do in order to obtain a consent election. Now the election is being challenged by a state and national organization which has nothing to lose by delaying our negotiations. As a result, teachers in this district are suffering."

"We have no other choice than to urge those teachers who are members of LA-CTA to resign from an organization which treats them with such contempt," Fletcher said.



THE THRILL OF VICTORY—Following the AFT's narrow victory in the recent struggle for collective bargaining rights, Arnold Fletcher, AFT president; Virginia Mulrooney, executive secretary; and Vincent Russell, AFT representative, join fellow members in a victory celebration at the organization's downtown office.
Valley Star Photo Courtesy of Edward Irwin

Subtle Effects of Media Subject of New Course

Did you vote "yes" on that proposition because you really believed in what it would do—or was it because that "public service" advertisement in the newspaper convinced you of how beneficial it would be?

Did you buy that new brand of "health" food because you really wanted it, or was it because that magazine ad convinced you you'd come with scurvy without it?

Propaganda bombards our senses in ways so subtle that we often don't realize how much it effects our decisions.

For the second semester, Roger Graham and William Payden, professors of journalism, will be team-teaching The Community Press (Journalism 32), a class aimed at making students more aware of how the print media effects their daily lives.

The psychology of mass communication and its relationship to the media will be examined in detail, with special emphasis given to non-verbal communication and its effects.

Using audio-visual materials to reinforce their concepts, Graham and Payden will explore such areas as newspapers, general interest magazines, wire services, feature syndicates, major libel cases, public relations, and advertising.

"Journalism 32 is more than just an academic exercise," commented Payden. "Students will be able to transfer what they learn to their daily lives."

The three unit course satisfies the general education requirement in humanities, and is transferable to state colleges and universities. There are no pre-requisites or previous knowledge of journalism required.

The Valley Star's position on issues is discussed only in the editorials presented on this page. Star editorials are the unanimous viewpoint of the Editorial Board. Columns and staff cartoons on this page are the opinions of individual staff members and are not necessarily the opinion of the Star.

STAR EDITORIALS

Ethical Code Governs Star

(Editor's Note: Striving to be informative, the Valley Star functions upon certain principles, and once again it prints its Code of Ethics as a reminder to returning students and as a mentor to new ones.)

The Valley Star is the official publication of Los Angeles Valley College. It is distributed on campus on Thursday morning. It is funded by the Los Angeles Community College District and serves as a laboratory publication under the supervision of the college's Journalism Department.

The Star's primary purpose is to publish unbiased news accounts of activities, events, and persons connected with Valley College. It is the privilege of the editorial staff to extend these functions to include publication of student opinion to express a constructive editorial policy. Star will deal only in issues, not personalities, in both editorial and columns.

The policy of this newspaper will be independent; it will seek to uphold the highest ideals of journalism, while endeavoring to contribute to the betterment and growth of Valley College.

Truth, accuracy, sincerity, and fairness will prevail in the coverage of all activities and events of this campus. It is the Star's right to determine what will be printed.

Statements made by faculty members or students, except in a public gathering, will not be quoted without the consent of the persons being quoted. The Star will not invade the private rights or feelings of any individual without substantial constructive grounds for doing so.

The act of retracting false or malicious statements will be considered a privilege as well as a duty. Any staff member who uses his influence for a selfish or malicious purpose is a discredit to the journalism profession and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Terrorism Sways Politics

With France's recent release of Abu Daoud, alleged mastermind of the 1972 Munich massacre of 11 Israeli athletes, terrorists have been issued a new lease on life.

France, long regarded as a leader in the fight against tyranny, has succumbed to the pressures of politics over moral responsibility.

Whether because of the fear that their arranged sale of 200 Mirage jet fighters to Egypt would be terminated if they extradited Daoud to either West Germany or Israel, or because of their fear of terrorist retaliation, France released Daoud on a technicality and rushed him off to Algiers.

The fact that in the special and secret session of the Paris Tribunal, hurriedly called to resolve the extradition of Daoud, they ignored his arrest for being in the country on a false passport shows the dire need the French government felt to unload Daoud.

It was even reported that West Germany, after telegraming and phoning France of their interest in Daoud, was relieved when the member of the terrorist group, the Black September, was released.

International terrorism has become an issue too hot to handle by the great powers of the world; an issue they surreptitiously resolve by passing the problem along amongst themselves.

Only Israel, who perhaps has the most to lose, has defied courting countries for political benefits in the name of morality.

And yet the question must be asked, if Daoud was not an Arab but of another nationality and had murdered those of another nation, would the Israelis have removed their ambassador to France in protest?

In turn, would the French have been so quick to free him?

Nationalism seems to be the drive behind any action against terrorism, yet world politcs is the force which often times prevents such action.

France has succumbed to political pressure. France, the symbol of liberty and freedom, has now become the symbol of the weak and cowardly.

If nations refuse to stand up against those groups who kill as a means to an end, then who will?

One possible solution to avert individual retribution is the formation of an international agency to deal with terrorists.

With an impartial body to act as judge and jury, the jaded hand of politics would not interfere with the administration of justice to terrorists.

But there is no such organization. Therefore, it must be up to all nations to band together in the fight against terrorism.

They must rise above bartering terrorists for the political benefit of a few and refuse to bow down to them for the betterment of all.

FEATURE THIS

Student Takes Tour of Israel

By HELENE KASS
Feature Editor

While most Valley College students were enjoying the leisure and festivities of winter vacation, Mark Cutler was in the midst of soldiers, machine guns, and tanks at a front-line military stronghold.

Cutler, 20, was one of 130 Jewish college students from the United States and Canada touring Israel on a United Jewish Welfare-sponsored trip.

But it was different from the usual tourist excursion; the object of the trip was to acquaint campus leaders with the many problems, economic as well as military, facing the country.

Cutler and his companions viewed many things a typical tourist never sees.

An army mobile armored unit, for example, is not a normal pleasure-tour stop. Cutler saw 300 men from Israel, Russia, Iraq, the United States—from throughout the world—most of them 18-21 years old, guarding the borders of a country to which the threat of war is ever present.

"I asked the commander of the base how he looks at his soldiers as a whole," Cutler related, expecting the usual "one big family, all-for-one-and-one-for-all" reply.

The military leader's very sensitive response surprised him, Cutler recalled: "Each person is an individual; I cannot generalize. Everyone is his own person."

"Military preparedness is everywhere," Cutler said, describing the common sight of civilians carrying machine guns. Surprisingly, however, handguns are outlawed, according to him.

Despite the constant reminder of their military problems, Israelis are concentrating more on their economic problems than on war, Cutler observed.

"People (in Israel) are trying to get back to a normal way of life. They are prepared for war, but right now they're more concerned with how they're going to feed their family."

In spite of all these problems, Cutler found a strong feeling of nationalism and pride in the country. "If things are normal," he explained, "Israelis think about their individual lives. But if there is an outside threat, everyone joins together."

What did Cutler, a speech pathology major, get out of this trip?

"I get more self-satisfaction out of reality than idealism," he commented.

BACK FROM ISRAEL—Mark Cutler is attending Valley once again after spending his winter vacation on a special tour of Israel.

Valley Star Photo by Barry Slobin

RAMBLINGS

Coffee Prices Cause Belly Ache

DAVID GREENWALD
Editor-in-Chief

With the price of coffee going up, almost on a daily basis, I am worried.

Coffee is the recognized beverage of college students throughout the world, rivaled only, perhaps, by beer, and if the trend continues along its present terrifying lines, then I cannot imagine what will become of scholars during finals week, let alone what will happen to the staff of the Valley Star on deadline nights.

I have a gut feeling (possibly from overindulging in coffee) that Star staffers are the biggest java consumers on Valley's campus. Come into the city room any day of the week. It is littered with debris from past caffeine fits: used sugar packages, dirty stir sticks, half-filled cream containers, and tepid, murkey cups of last night's binge.

What will become of us? I do not know. Forty cents per cup (large-size) is already reaching the borders of prohibitiveness, considering the amount of liquid that we consume.

Tea, of course, is a possible alternative, but it's so dull. It has no character, unless doctored beyond recognition. Body and aroma are lacking, I'm afraid that, at least for me, it is an unsuitable trade.

Maybe hot chocolate is the answer. That's a drink with character of its own, but then again, after two cups it can become sickening. On nights when it's not unusual to down between 10 and 20 cups, well, I needn't explain further.

Maybe I should explore the marvels of orange juice. I've always enjoyed an ice cold glass of o.j., but my taste leans toward the freshly squeezed type, shunning that genre of the flash frozen with the pits still in. Squeezing a glass in the middle of cranking out a story, could, I suppose, put a damper on the creative flow. Another idea come and gone.

What else is left to a fluid addict?

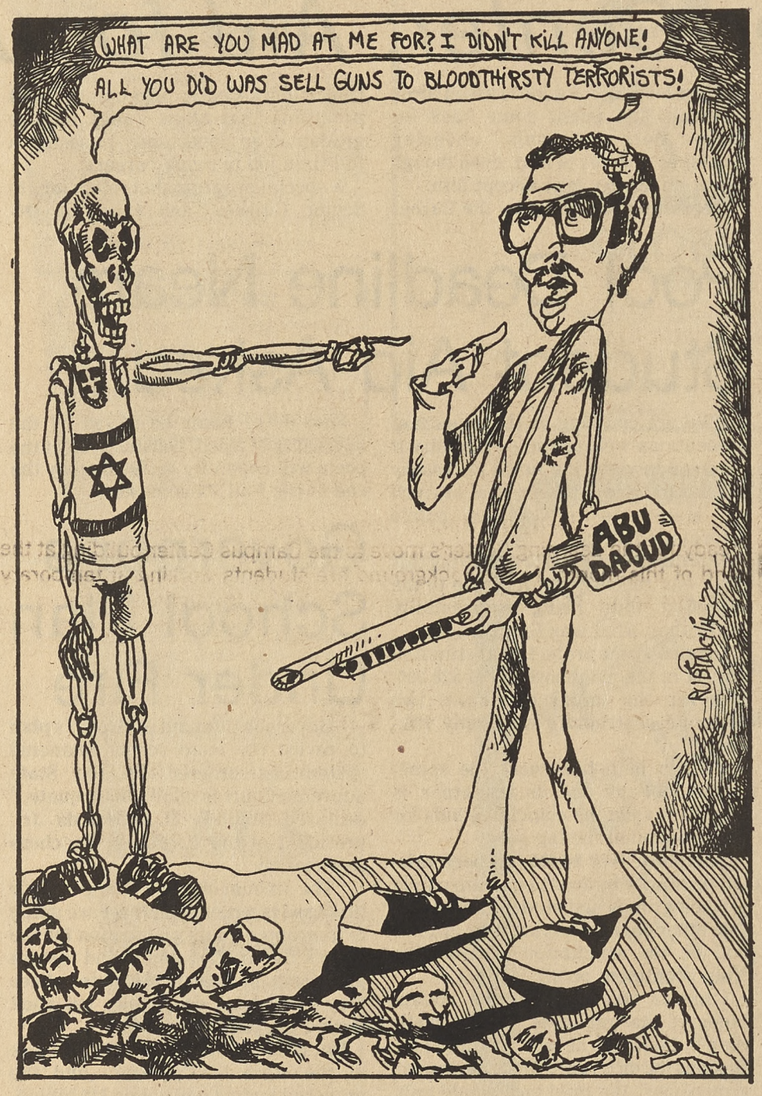
Wine... no... totally unacceptable in the eyes of the Community College District. The same must hold true for beer, which would also prove a deterent to the constant flow of creative energy, what with having to get up every 5 or 10 minutes to answer the call imposed by the brew.

I hear that fresh chicken blood is nice ... and very healthful too. But it's hard to find fresh chickens these days. The Colonel has the market cornered.

Perhaps the drainage from house plants would be good. I hear tell that it's filled with wonderful nutrients; minerals and lovely detritus. It probably wouldn't be bad, strongly resembling that coffee purchased at any roadside diner. The only problem here would be that house plants don't do well in the Valley Star office. It has something to do with the smog filtering in through the ventilation system, I think.

Aha ... I have it! The drink of the true newsperson. It will insure that writing is in every reporter's blood, coursing through his veins, insuring excellence.

Typewriter ribbons dipped in duplicator fluid. That is the answer.



INSIGHT

Shortage Of Fools A Problem

I realize that I am not the smartest person in the world, and I readily admit it but I just can't understand why there is so much fuss over the "fool" shortage in the Eastern United States.

ALBERT AROUH
Assoc. City Editor

I mean, they're actually thinking of ways to ship in fools from other parts of the country. It is expected that more than 1.5 million people will be out of work due to a lack of fools in the East.

Even President Carter got into the act by taking a helicopter ride over a plant in Pittsburgh that had been shut down due to the lack of fools. After viewing the situation from the air, he had this comment to make on the fool situation: "It's going to get worse before it gets better." and they wonder where Billy Carter got his intelligence!

Scientists have predicted a shortage of fools for a long time, but as usual, the American public turned the other cheek and thus they are now paying for their lack of attention with what some historians are calling "one of the worst fool shortages in the history of the United States."

People all over the country are being asked to cut down on their consumption of fools to help the East brave this shortage.

Well, I am a patriot, and I'll be the first one to step forward and donate my uncle in Encino so the East will be in better shape as far as the fool shortage goes, and I challenge all other patriotic Valley students to respond to America's cries and donate the fool of their choice.

America's need for fools must be met. Where is Exxon when we need them?

LETTER TO THE STAR

Student Defends Reserves

Dear Editor,

I am a Naval Reservist and a volunteer to my country. I am not obligated to go one weekend per month to better myself, I go because I want to. However, I have spent three years on active duty status so it can be said that I know where it's at.

If Mr. Bower is earning $65 per month, which is an E-3 status, and has been two years active duty and probably two years so far on a reserve status, that in itself shows that he has no initiative. Success, in any type of profession takes work, even for one weekend per month.

In reference to his point on the mandatory reserve: Since this "gentleman" didn't want his "head blown off in Nam," it shows he only joined the Navy to escape. He's now fighting the system he joined in 1972 when it seemed like such a **good** idea. By a simple letter of request, and substantial reason, the mandatory reservist can be transferred (in some cases) to an inactive status. I'm sure this is one aspect Mr. Bower has overlooked or not even tried.

It is true: should the occasion ever arise that we need our Naval Reserve we would be in trouble. The only reason it is true is because of people like Mr. Bower. He shows no ambition to help himself and in not being able to do that, he wouldn't know how to help someone else. Fortunately, he is among a minority **waste** on the government payroll. He is greatly outnumbered by people who work, care, and have pride for themselves and their country.

At the Encino Reserve Center, there are facilities for each and every rate in an amphibious status. These facilities are well maintained and kept up to Navy Regulations. At the Los Alamitos Reserve Center they have a Combat Photo Unit. This unit has each piece of equipment needed, and in excellent operational status. This information took me **one** phone call! Mr. Bower could have made "that" call.

There is a two week active duty that a Reservist is obligated to perform per year. My unit goes to Coronado, San Diego, an amphibious base. My unit is an amphibious unit. This is another time that the personnel work in their rates.

I am a Yeoman in the Reserves, and I'm proud of it!! It's too bad that any service has to **waste** their time and **your money** on personnel like Mr. Bowers.

Ann M. Bozman

Editor's Note: Mr. Bower points out that he is an E-4 status, not an E-3, and that the next highest rate is only a $3 to $4 a month pay difference. He did not join the Reserves to escape, but to fulfill his military obligation. For two weeks on active duty, Bower and other reservists had to stay on board the ship, U.S. Constellation, that was tied to port. There was no training and no work to do. Bower has tried, by letters and other means, on several occasions to get transferred to inactive status. But, according to Bower, the Navy does not consider being a full-time student, working 40 hours a week, and being the main support for his parents as a substantial hardship.

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from Valley College students and citizens of the surrounding community.

Letters may be mailed to the Valley Star, or may be presented in person to the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by noon Monday for the following Thursday.

Letters should be typewritten with a maximum length of 350-400 words. They may be edited for length or conciseness. All letters should be signed, and students should state their majors. Names will be withheld upon request.

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Individualized Instruction Offered by Typing Class

By TONI DRAKE
Assoc. Sports Editor

Acknowledging the need for individualized instruction, a completely new approach in developing typing skills is being offered by the Office Administration Department at Valley College, according to Rosanne Erhardt, department head.

The courses, entitled Secretarial Science 1 and 2, opened last September and enabled students to learn how to type at their own individual pace, as opposed to other typing courses where students are required to work as a class.

"There are no prerequisites for the courses," said Erhardt, "Enrollment is open throughout the semester. Applicants are eligible to receive two units of credit or no credit basis."

Materials used and required for the course include a $6.60 typing kit and typing paper.

Typewriters used in the courses are IBM Selectrics. Synchronized slide projectors attached to each desk present the visual portion of the lesson.

The audible portion is dictated through cassette players with earphones attached to them.

Instructors for the course include Pearl Leland, associate professor of secretarial science, and Delilah Outram, profrssor of secretarial science. Leland and Outram use the Gregg Typing Individual Progress Method.

"This method really is a superior way to teach because we can work with the students individually," said Leland. "All work is checked and returned daily. This way we can keep a close record of the students progress. We are teaching students to be self-sufficient in their work."

Each student chooses their own hours and is required to practice a minimum of five hours per week. In the classroom there is a time clock, where students "punch in and out."

Students interested in these classes should not delay filing an application for admission as soon as possible.

What's Happening

Badminton Anyone?

The badminton team, which meets at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Women's Gym, is desperately seeking members. Interested students should contact Marcie Gonzales in the Women's Gym.

Graduation Petitions

Friday, February 25, at 4 p.m., is the deadline for filing petitions for graduation as of June 18, 1977. Petitions are available in the Credit Office, Room 124 of the Administration Building.

Spacing Out

"Crossing the New Ocean—Part II," is the title of the free to the public planetarium lecture on Fridays, February 4, 18, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. in the campus planetarium.

Small Bizz

The Occupational Exploration Series for the spring semester starts Feb. 8 in BJ 110 with a lecture by management consultant, Ray L. Extract, on opportunities in small business.

Underwater Off the California Coast

Larry Pierson, anthropology major, will give an illustrated talk on underwater archeology off the Southern California Coast on Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

Patrons' Association Scholarships

Applications for $85 Patrons' Association Scholarships, available in CC100, are now being excepted. Completed applications may be turned into the Patrons' desk in CC100.

Environment Field Work Class

Students interested in getting two to four units of credit for doing volunteer work at the Monlux Science Center, should contact Jay Glassman in Engineering 104-D. The field work is done on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Learning Center Gets New Home

The Learning Center has been tentatively scheduled to move to its new location in the Campus Center Building by the end of February, said Mary Ann Breckell, Valley College coordinator of administrative services.

At present all services are in operation in the Library Building, with much of the equipment operating on borrowed tables in preparation for the move.

The move which was formerly expected during the week of final exams has been delayed because finishing touches have not been completed, said Noel Koen Learning Center coordinator.

Phase II of the move, which includes the building of cabinets, installation of equipment, etc. is being performed by the Valley maintenance facilities, now that the contractors have finished the major construction said Breckell.

Cold Ahead

In order to comply with the California State Public Utility Commission's recent order, all thermostats on campus will be turned down to 65 degrees as of Monday, announced Dr. Alice Thurston, Valley College president.

The situation will continue as long as the current cold wave and gas shortage exists in other parts of the country.

PACKIN' IT IN—John Racusthorne (left) and Abdol Bakhtminoo (right) make ready for the Learning Center's move to the Campus Center building at the end of this month. In the background are students working at temporary stations set up so that operations could continue throughout the move.
Valley Star Photo by Barry Slobin

Student Parents Are Helped In Child Development Center

By EDITH TSU
Staff Writer

The Campus Child Development Center, located on Valley College Campus is as helpful to the child as it is to the student-parent. It is a learning experience for both.

The center serves children aged 2½ to 5-years through programs that assist their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development, and parents are involved as an integral part.

One mother, Linda Weissler, who has two children in the center, brought in a special project that she did in colored film with sound for her nutrition class, and shared this with the children.

The center also deals with attitudes, with hostilities and avoiding confrontations.

Lynda Ronquillo, Fine Arts Editor of the Valley Star whose daughter, Desiree, attends the child development center explained that "instead of hitting; the children are taught to use their words. When one child treats another badly, they are encouraged to go over to that person and say I am very sorry, for it makes me feel sad when you do that. This teaches the children to deal with their struggles, instead of calling upon the teachers to settle their differences," she said.

The Campus Child Development Center is in an overcrowded building at Ethel Ave. near Oxnard. There are 60 children who receive services there. They have to rent out a couple of classrooms from "The Growing Years" Center located at 14125 Burbank Blvd. to accommodate 20 extra children.

VC Enrollment Off 6 Percent

As of last Friday enrollment at Valley College was down by six percent for the same time period in the fall semester.

John Lee, assistant dean of admission and guidance, attributed the downward trend to a "peaking out" that occurred at the college several years ago.

He said that at one time enrollment at Valley was in the realm of 26,000, but since that time about 1,000 students have been lost with each succeeding semester.

No further explanation was offered.

To help alleviate the loss, which as already caused the cancellation of several classes, Lee said that enrollment would be extended for another week, until Feb. 10.

During the fall semester enrollment at Valley reached 24,777. Lee predicted that by the end of the extended enrollment period the number of students would be up to 24,000, what he considers to be a "normal" number.

Employment Opportunities . . .

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establishes three learning objectives for each individual student to be learned on the job, and the students also establish a rough outline of the things they would like to be taught. For instance, Lomen said, "Many students will want to learn how to construct resumes and others may want to learn interviewing techniques or how to properly fill out job applications."

Lomen said that supplimentary learning medias such as slide presentations, scheduled speakers, tapes, and movies are part of the teaching devices used in the class.

Besides being in contact with 200 to 300 employers, Lomen said the very diversified nature of the students taking these classes have often expanded the employment picture of students.

The Volunteer CORPS, said Lomen, helps students to gain experience through volunteer work. From non-profit employers like the March of Dimes and the Red Cross, students volunteer their time with the eventual reward that the experience they have gained will not only give them experience, but may even be the start of their career.

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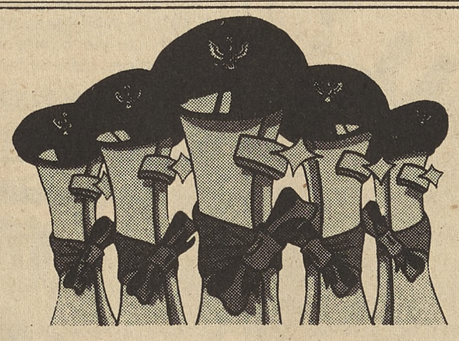
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Cagers Fast-Break to 4-3 in Metro

By TONI DRAKE
Assoc. Sports Editor

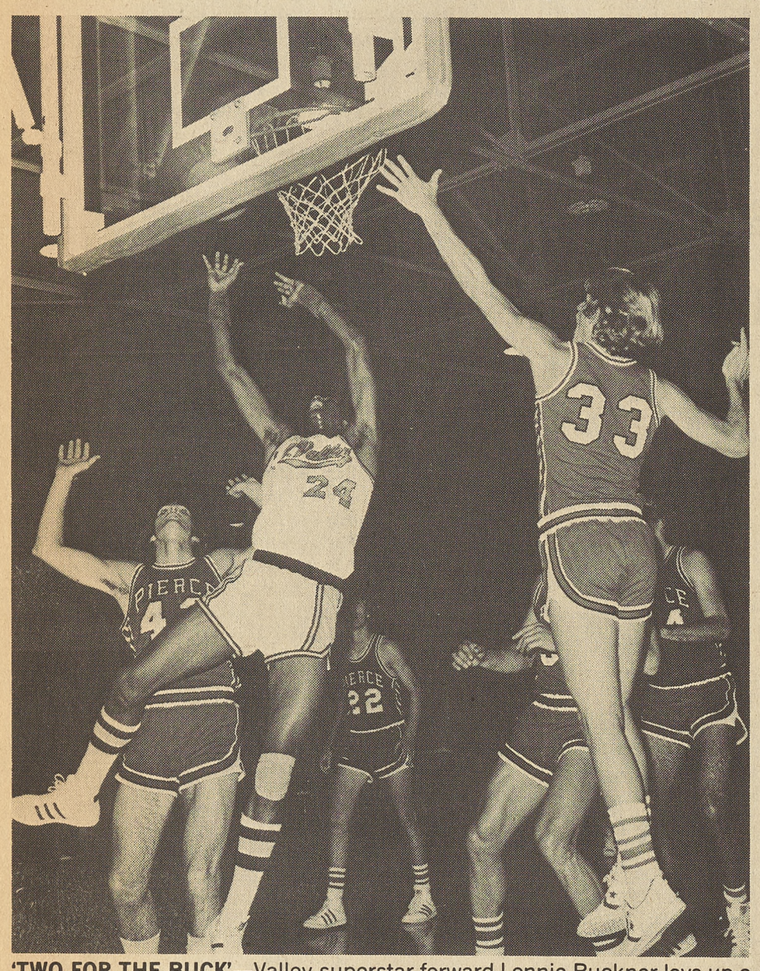
After fast-breaking to a good 4-3 start in Metro Conference play, Valley's basketball squad will host Long Beach's Vikings tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m.

Over the last two weeks, the Monarchs, behind the scoring punch of forwards Lonnie Buckner and Dave Camp, have put themselves right in the thick of the conference race, tied for third place.

Valley 58, Long Beach 56

With only eight seconds left in the game, Lonnie Buckner gets the rebound, he throws it to Ken Burns, Coach Jim Stephens is yelling time out, but Burns can't hear him; however, he does see Dave Camp waiting for the ball, Burns passes it to Camp, who swishes in a 20 footer to give Valley the lead and a very important victory over last year's California State Champions, Long Beach, 58-56 on Jan. 11.

"I was very concerned having to open the conference against Long Beach," stated Coach Stephens. "But we came away with a big victory that I'm sure will give us the lift we need for our conference."



'TWO FOR THE BUCK'—Valley superstar forward Lonnie Buckner lays up a shot in last months action against Pierce. Monarch cagers have won four of seven conference games thus far, good for third place in conference.
Valley Star Photo by Pat Bower

Valley played themselves the best defensive game of the season by limiting a team that has averaged just under 90 points a game to only 56.

Monarch forward Camp was the man of the evening as he hit the winning shot of the game and scored a season high 22 points.

Buckner wrapped up the night with 19 points and 17 rebounds from both boards.

With the ball game tied at 30 at the half, Valley jumped out to an eight point lead midway through the second half. Turnovers dominated the last four minutes of the game, but to Valley's advantage it ended up in a Monarch victory.

Other team efforts were made by Steve Scott with seven points, John McDonough with six, and Scott Shepley with four.

Valley 42, El Camino 39

Solid defense and a deliberate offense are the only words that describe this Monarch victory over the El Camino Warriors, 42-39 Jan. 14.

"We played a great game," stated Stephens, "but we should have won by 20."

Valley took a healthy 19-13 lead at the half.

Basketball ace Buckner led the Monarchs with 13 points and 12 rebounds, while Camp followed with 11 points, four rebounds, and five assists.

With only one second left in the game, Charlie White hit two of three free throws, giving Valley the three point edge. White also had two assists.

Other Valley scorers were Scott with six points, and Burns with four and three assists.

Valley 66, Pierce 64

When Valley's cross town rival, Pierce College, comes to play a little friendly game of basketball, it's enough to give a person an ulcer, especially when the Monarchs win by a close 66-64, which they did Jan. 28.

"The team made a few mistakes, but for the most part they played a well executed game," said Stephens.

It was Valley's show, as they led 36-25 at the half. In the second half, however, the Brahmas struck harder, keeping the score extremely close until the finish.

Buckner led the scoring drive, swishing in 24 points, three assists, and 14 rebounds.

Not far behind the "Buck" was Camp with 22 points and five assists. Additional team efforts were made by Scott with eight points, McDonough with six, and Burns with four.

This victory lifted Valley's record to 12-6 overall, and 3-0 in the conference.

Pasadena 71, Valley 70

Valley was involved in a barbaric contest which resulted in a controversial 71-70 loss to visiting Pasadena Jan. 21.

Stephens questioned a call that resulted in a four-point play for the Lancers when an official called a foul as a Pasadena player was scoring on a tip-off near game's end.

The basket counted and the referee then gave the player a one and one opportunity, and he made both free throws.

Camp led the Monarchs with 22 points, four rebounds, and five assists.

Superstar Buckner followed with 21 points, 17 rebounds, and five assists.

Bakersfield 71, Valley 56

Fouls dominated Valley's performance in Bakersfield, as they "gave in" to the Renegades, 71-56 Jan. 25.

Valley drove hard at the start and led at the half, but then the Monarchs fell back, appearing to be giving up hope.

With an inadequate second half and 24 fouls behind them, Stephens was anything but happy.

Buckner led the Monarchs, swishing in 24 points and 18 rebounds. Camp finished with 12 points while Scott shot for eight, and McDonough and Shepley chipped in four each.

The loss dropped Valley's conference record to 3-2.

Valley 59, Mission 49

Valley got their act together, after a sluggish first half, to defeat Mission, 59-49 last Friday.

Valley's own "Kareem Abdul Jabbar" Mr. Buckner led the Monarch drive with 18 points and 16 rebounds. Camp swished in 14 points, while Scott had nine, Burns got six, Shepley had four, and McDonough swished three.

Mission led 29-28 at the half, but after a locker room pep talk, Valley came back to win the game.

Guard Randy Rico, one of the top scorers in the conference, led Mission with 24 points.

With a 4-2 conference record, Valley tied with Pierce for second place behind Bakersfield's 5-1.

East Los Angeles 63, Valley 56

Valley was struck by a bolt of bad luck, as East Los Angeles College defeated the Monarchs, 63-56 Tuesday night.

The Monarchs were off to a bad start, trailing by 14 points within the first 10 minutes of the game but then they made a fantastic comeback, producing a close 22-20 score at the half, ELA'S favor.

Buckner led the evening with 22 points and 17 rebounds, while teammate Shepley finished with 10 points and four assists, Camp with nine and eight assists, Scott with eight points, and McDonough with 13 rebounds.

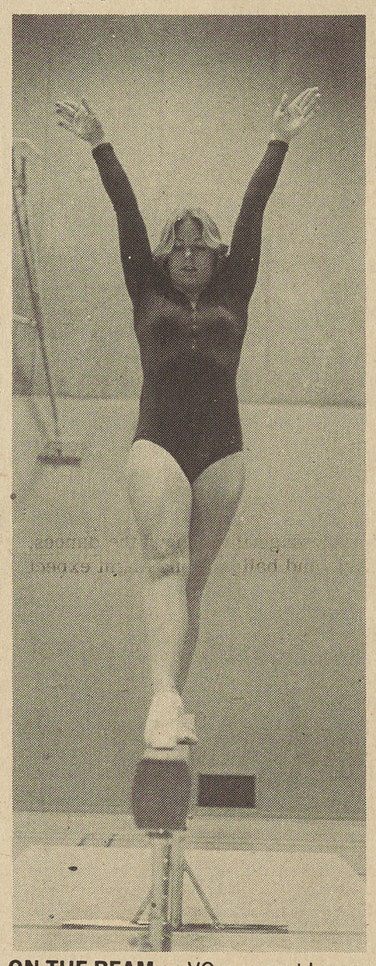
Every other game that Valley plays from here on out will be critical since this loss ties them for third in the tough Metro with three other teams. Bakersfield and Pierce are now tied for first.

Valley Star Sports

Gymnasts To Get Back on the Beam

By RAY RICHMOND
Sports Editor

Following an excellent effort last week, Valley's women's gymnastics squad will hope to get back on the beam tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. when they entertain Pierce and San Diego Mesa Colleges in the Women's Gym.



ON THE BEAM — VC gymnast Laura Koehler toes the balance beam in last week's action against Grossmont and Mesa.
Valley Star Photo by Lee Forbes

Despite having only four gymnasts healthy enough to compete, the VC women fought gallantly last Friday in losing to Grossmont and San Diego Mesa at Valley. Grossmont won with 113 points, Mesa was second with 108.4, with the Monarchs third at 97.18.

"I'm really proud of our girls, considering the circumstances," beamed Coach Pat Green. "Our four girls that competed achieved many personal bests."

Grossmont and Mesa each had 18 girls competing, which gave them a decided advantage in all events. But Valley hung in well.

On the bars, superstar Judy Toffel got Valley started with a 7.5 score, good for second place. Laura Koehler got sixth with a 6.55.

Toffel did it again on the balance beam, scoring 7.35 for another second place finish. Andrea Novell stayed on the beam for a fourth at 6.5, while Koehler was right behind in fifth with a 6.45 score.

In the vaulting competition, Toffel scored a phenomenal 8.15 in winning. Novell and Koehler scored 7.4 and 7.15, good for fourth and sixth respectively.

Toffel got another eight-plus score in floor exercise, but it was only good enough for third (8.1). Novell and Koehler tied for sixth at 6.65.

Toffel won the all-around championship out of 11 competitors with a 31.1 score, her best of the year. Koehler was fifth with a solid 26.4 score, while Novell grabbed the sixth position (26.2).

The double loss gives the Valley gymnasts an 0-4 conference record, 2-4 overall. The 97 points the team scored was a high for the year, however.

"We'll have Jeri Barton (out with flu), Robin Berns (out with flu), Maryann Paulazzo (had to work), and Elsie Rodriguez (personal activity) back for tomorrow's meet," says Green, "and we should beat both Pierce and Mesa."

Sports Menu

(for week of Feb. 3-9)

BASKETBALL—Feb. 4, Long Beach at Valley, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 5, Valley vs. USC JV at Sports Arena, 5:30 p.m.; Feb. 8, El Camino at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS—Feb. 4, Pierce and San Diego Mesa at Valley, 3:30 p.m.; Feb. 9, Valley at Grossmont, 3:30 p.m.
WRESTLING—Feb. 4-5, Cuesta Tournament at Cuesta, all day; Feb. 8, Barstow at Valley, 4 p.m.
MEN'S TENNIS—Feb. 8, Ventura at Valley, 2 p.m.
MEN'S VOLLEYBALL—Feb. 5, Valley at Santa Barbara, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 9, San Bernardino Valley at Valley, 7 p.m.
ICE HOCKEY—Feb. 6, Valley vs. UC Irvine at Pickwick (Burbank), 9:45 p.m.; Feb. 9, Valley vs. USC at West Covina, 10:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S POOL—Feb. 8-10, Women's Pool Tournament in Rec Room, sign up NOW!

Spikers Open Drive For '77 Metro Title

An instant replay of the '76 Metropolitan Conference championship is what the men's volleyball team has in mind for '77, as they travel to Santa Barbara College tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. for a pre-season match.

"I think the team will be a bit stronger than they were last year," stated coach Rick Beress. "Still, we are in a tough league."

Championship squad returners include sophomores Brian Coleman, Chester Page, Hans Vosse, Kent Palmer, and Bill Courtland. Other sophomore members are Gary Hughes, Steve White, Bruce Kimmel, Ken Stovitz, Mike McClean.

Incoming freshmen spikers are Rick Bannister, Mike Slatter, and Gary Kramer.

Valley's volleyers have performed brilliantly for the last four consecutive years. In '73, '74, '75, the Monarchs took second place, then went on to grasp the Metro championship in '76.

Their first pre-season home match is Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Men's Gym.

In preparation for their league opener March 9 against El Camino College, Coach Beress has the team working out three to four hours a day.

Quick offense will be amongst the many tactics used this season.

In regard to the Santa Barbara match, Coach Beress mentioned, "Santa Barbara is a very strong team. In fact, last year, they took second place in the Metro. We'll just have to see what happens."

Wrestlers Go East For 1st Metro Win

By ROBERT BROWN
Staff Writer

Grabbing their first Metro Conference win in two years, Valley's wrestling team beat East Los Angeles Jan. 13, 31-24. They also beat College of the Canyons in a lopsided match Jan. 28, 33-6.

With two losses to Bakersfield Jan. 20 (44-9), and Cuesta Jan. 28 (44-9), the Monarch's record now stands at 5-6.

In a well earned win over East L.A., the matmen showed good performances from Carlos Flores, Ken Davis, Louie Barragan, Jeff Lasater, Joe Tumpich, and Digby Sharp. Flores, Barragan, Lasater, and Sharp all pinned their opponents while Davis and Tumpich both won on points.

"Everyone did his job well," said wrestling Coach Bernie Christian. "We're well into the season now and everything is starting to come together."

Against Bakersfield, Valley's only scores came from a pin by Lasater and a win on points from Barragan. Everyone else lost.

Against COC, Valley won easily with pins from Barragan, Lasater, Sharp, Mark Davis, and Dan Labato. Ken Davis won on points. Throughout the match, the matmen had no problem controlling the Canyons men.

Cuesta was just a little different. Valley had trouble scoring, their only points coming from Barragan on points, and from Sharp on a pin. Virtually everyone else got pinned except Lasater, who lost on points.

Valley will compete in the Cuesta Tournament tomorrow and Saturday. Christian said he expects Barragan and Davis to do well in the competition. Their individual records are impressive. Barragan is 15-4, while Davis is 10-4.

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STAR STUMPERS

1. Who is the only mixed singles player in professional tennis?
2. What Major League baseball player ran around the bases backward to commemorate his 100th home run?
3. What Olympic high jumper abides by the phrase "Sticks and Stones may break your bones, but rain will always hurt you?"
4. What National Football League player led the league in bites inflicted last year?
5. Who is Harold Klein?
6. Where do the National Hockey League's Washington Capitols play their home games?
7. Who is the ugliest sumo wrestler in the world?
8. Is Los Angeles Dodger Vice-President Al Campanis a bad gambler?
9. When last seen, where were the Los Angeles Lakers hiding?
10. What do the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, an outhouse, and this quiz all have in common?

Answers—1. Dr. Renee Richards — 2. Jimmy Piersall, New York Mets, 1963 — 3. Dwight Stones (always loses in rain, a fair weather jumper) — 4. Conrad Dobler, St. Louis Cardinals — 5. The best team manager in Valley College history — 6. Landover, Maryland — 7. The (all of them) — 8. Yes . . . He foolishly gambled a 'Buck' and lost on a Monday — 9. In first place — 10. They all stink.

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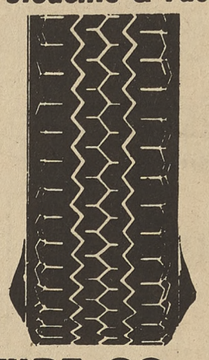

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ARIZONA SHOOTOUT—The Clantons and McLowrys face off with the Earps at the OK Corral. From left to right are: Frank Card, Jon Pollak, Gene Kindree, Bob Feist, Patrick S. Kelly, Max Jamison, Neil Glazer, and Phil Nordella.

Valley Star Photo by Barry Slobin

Hysterical Play 'Heldorado' Shatters OK Corral Myth

By ARCHIE CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

"Heldorado is hysterical."

"The play was so engrossing I forgot to eat my popcorn."

"The basic play was good but I don't like the lesson for the day idea; there should be no messages in theater."

"It's high energy all the way through," were some of the reactions of the audience who saw Heldorado on opening night.

An original creation of Peter Parkin, Theater Arts teacher, the two-act presentation, with music and lyrics by Earl French played in the Horseshoe Theater during the two weeks of "Finals."

Drama in the mock court room builds to a suspense and ends with a shock that will send a cold shiver running down your spine.

The setting for the play is a contemporary rodeo trying to depict the old west as it really was **not**. It begins with a lively pace and has enough humor intermingled with historical data to break the tedium sometimes felt during a drama. The musical numbers are of the Country/Western variety coupled with appropriate dance choreography by Tara Sister.

Neil Glazer, as "Doc Holiday," adds comic relief as the rodeo MC announcing a number of "corny but terrific acts," as one first-nighter put it, running the gamut from calf-roping to clowns and a reenactment of the infamous Gun Fight at the OK Corral.

Billy Clanton, played excellently by Frank Card, has misgivings concerning the accuracy of the portrayal of the gun fight and the first act carries this message throughout the dances, music and ballyhoo one might expect at a rodeo.

Especially noteworthy are the clowns, played by Linda Louise Wilcox and Piper R. Heisig. Another excellent performer, who plays two roles, one dramatic and one comedy, is Christofer Sands, and his depiction of an Indian chief is the best comic relief of the entire show. Last, but not least, is the part played by Patrick Kelly. In the first act he is the owner of the rodeo, a super hyper commercial boss whose only interest is keeping the customers satisfied going by the name of Wyatt. In the second act it's Wyatt Earp on the witness stand and here Kelly plays the dramatic possibilities to the hilt, doing a good job of both roles.

The second act dramatizes the trial which followed the shoot-out in an attempt to show what really happened. To bring this off accurately Peter Parkin spent many hours of research, including a lengthly perusence of the court records in Tombstone, Arizona, the site of the legendary OK Corral.

Heldorado is a play definitely worth seeing—better than some seen at the Mark Taper or the Huntington Hartford—and should play the Valley College Theater again.

Fine Arts Happenings

Art Exhibit

A print exhibition will be on display beginning Monday Feb. 7 and continuing through Feb. 17 in the art Gallery. Hours are from 12 to 3 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Song Writing Classes

Grammy award winner Buddy Kaye will instruct classes on songwriting in an eight week Saturday morning course beginning Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Valley. Registration fee is $25. For more information call 988-0308.

Crossing the New Ocean

"Crossing the New Ocean" is the title of a planetarium show Feb. 4, 18, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. in the college planetarium. Stephen Fentress is the lecturer. Admission is free.

Dance, Dance, Dance

Dance artist Tandy Beal will hold a master class in the dance studio of the Valley College Women's Gym tomorrow at 2 p.m. Admission is $1.

Absurdity Depicted In 'Times Square'

By ARCHIE CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

"Time Square," a one act play which staged last month, was a positive reflection of what can be done in Lab Theater.

Leonard Melfi wrote this one-act special as a low-key comedy statement of the changing times—but in the connotation of the mid-late 1960's, which makes it difficult to understand if you weren't there, and in terms of today, hard to remember even if you were.

In spite of the foregoing conditions coupled with inherent surrealism, the cast did a fine job of bringing it off, and Frank Saffold is to be congratulated for his dual role as director and lead actor, an additional talent he was required to fulfill when his original lead decided New York was a better place to be.

"The biggest problem was that I couldn't give my full attention to the cast," Saffold explained. "The director must have a theme to give the actors, and I must get out of them what I want without actually pulling the strings. But from the actor's point of view I just couldn't deal with them properly because I was so involved with the character I was playing."

The cast, as proved by their ability and stage presence, rose to the crucial occasion and came through in professional style. Lines that were written by Melfi to draw a satirical chuckle or hearty laugh from the audience worked at all the right places, especially the repartee between Dalas Carnegie (played by Janet Scott) and Stephen Beams, Neil Glazer.

"Things weren't obvious," is the way one theatergoer put it, and indeed they were not. The play moved along at a good pace and the audience was held in suspence wondering what was going to happen next.

After an exercise in absurdity, the play ends on a rather sentimental note which doesn't quite fit, but neither does it detract from a fine performance by all the members of the cast and the support people that help make it work.

Lost and Found

Anyone finding lost articles should turn them in to Campus Center 100, and check back frequently to see if it has been found.

New Cultural Center; One Giant Step Closer

Envisioned as part of Valley College's future landscape, the Performing Arts Complex took a major step in development last week when the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees unanimously approved capital construction of $6.5 million for the project.

"This project represents one solid year of planning," said President Alice J. Thurston, "through the combined efforts of both community and faculty members."

The plan is now being forwarded to the State Chancellors' Office in Sacramento for evaluation in relation to state-wide college needs. Funding will be extended to the district if the plans are approved and the State Legislature passes the necessary construction bills.

Funding for the project, if approved, will be derived from four major sources: State Construction Act ($2,685,784), local and community services taxes, and federal outlays.

"The San Fernando Valley has long been considered a cultural wasteland," said Dr. Thurston, "but this just isn't so. The Valley is rich in talent but impoverished with respect to cultural facilities."

Financial considerations require that the project be divided into three phases. The first phase is for construction of a 1,200-seat performing arts hall with necessary support areas.

Phase II involves additions and alterations to the Music and Art Buildings which would connect architecturally with the performing arts hall.

A sculpture garden, outdoor amphitheater and alterations to the Theater Arts Building is the third phase.

The performing arts hall is to serve as a "showcase" for talented performers in college, community, and throughout the district in hopes of raising the cultural awareness of Valley and other district residents by stimulating creative activity in all areas of the arts.

The hall itself must be acoustically suitable for a variety of musical and theatrical groups, ballets, operas, lecturers, and performances of local symphonies.

"Music of a performing jazz band should be so sharp and clean that it lifts you out of your seat," explained Dr. Thurston.

"I am firmly convinced that we can create something that is both beautiful and functional," said Dr. Thurston of the complex which is to be constructed in the grassy area between the Art, Music, and Theater Arts Buildings extending north to the parking lot.

Dance Group To Stage Show Saturday Night

An evening of dance and theater will be presented by Tandy Beal and Company Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater at Valley College.

With an ensemble of eight dancers, two mimes, and two musicians and a lighting designer, pieces ranging from intense and dramatic, to pioneering and experimental will be performed.

Ms Beal, a former student at the Henry Street Playhouse in New York, composed much of the music for her ensemble along with her co-artistic director Jon Scoville.

General admission is $2. Staff or paid I.D. holders is $1.

Pantomimest on Top In Pool Fundraiser

"Congratulations, Congratulations," was the word bestowed upon pantomimest Terri N. Hardin, an art major from Sun Valley, when she won the prize of first place in Valley College's talent show presented by the Associated Student Organization Jan. 15.

Chosen as the winner out of 12 competing acts, Hardin had also performed at the Dean's Tea for academically superior students which was held last month.

Second place in the contest went to the comedy team of Katrina Huss and Jon Melichar, with Zachary Smith placing third with a skit on acting.

A sum of $128. was raised by the talent show which will be added to the funds for a shallow pool on campus to be used by the handicapped, senior adults, and the young who are learning to swim.

Other talent show contestants included Robert Feist, Z. Ernie Spiegal, David Robinson, Pam Karlye, Hans Ahlert, Esther Tessel, Jeffri Caplan, Dale Welsh, Howard Genislow, Robert Scott, and Robert Feffer. Judges for the event were Larry Katz, TV producer, Joanne Sendy, talent coordinator; and Carol Cicotti, secretary for the Captain and Tenille. KIIS disc jockey Charley Tuna, served as master of ceremonies.

A WINNER — Mime artist Terri N. Hardin proudly accepts first place.

Club News

Recognized clubs on Valley's campus are invited to include their club activities, on or off campus but restricted to the general locale, in the Valley Star.

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How Funny Can Sex Be?

Study Project Gets Prof Ph.d

By HELENE KASS
Feature Editor

Culminating more than six years of research and study, Cyrus Kirshner, professor of engineering, has been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree from Florida State University, in the field of vocational education.

Kirshner, chairman of the engineering department, prepared his dissertation on "The Use of Feedback in a Systems Approach Instructional Design."

The systems approach, Kirshner explained, is a method of computer-assisted instruction utilizing a combination of media, such as programmed workbooks, films, and slides.

"The importance of my research," remarked Kirshner, "was in devising a technique for using the systems approach to develop high quality materials in any subject matter."

His specific concern was to test the systems approach in teaching the use of the slide rule. As his medium, Kirshner used programmed workbooks, which he wrote and tested at various Los Angeles area colleges, including Valley.

Kirshner explained that his research was extremely time-consuming because he had to make repeated tests to see how effective the program was.

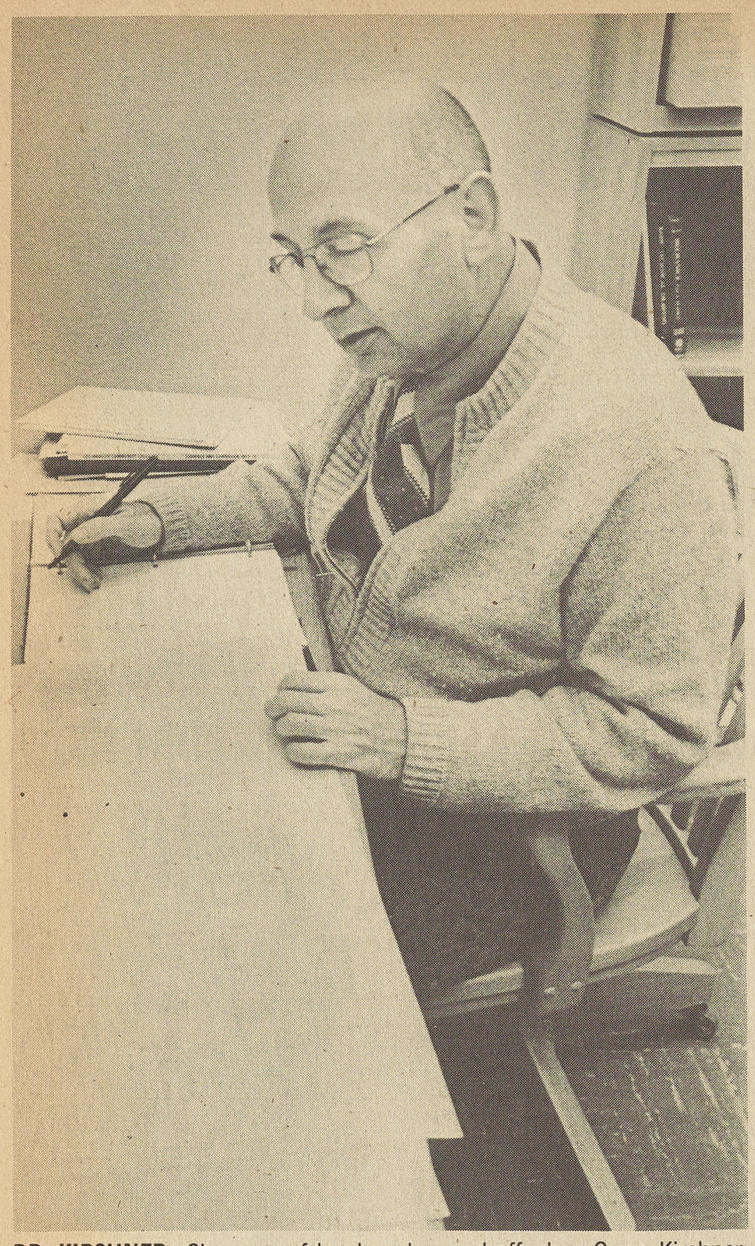
"In striving for a given goal—to get 80 percent of the students to pass 80 percent of the criterian tests—it was necessary to repeatedly amend and increase the explanations and illustrations."

The field of vocational counseling is Kirshner's next possible area of involvement.

"The fact that I was able to get my Ph. D. has convinced me that I have a quality of persistence which gives me a unique strength to pursue other challenges."

As to why he chose so distant a school for obtaining his doctorate, Kirshner related that he had originally attended Florida State University in 1968 on a scholarship granted him through the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The institution had been selected by the federal government as a training center for computer-assisted instruction, and top leaders in the field were located there.



DR. KIRSHNER—Six years of hard work payed off when Cyrus Kirshner, professor of engineering, recently was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree from Florida State University. Valley Star Photo by Barry Slobin

Learning Center Gets $$$$ for Tutorial Aid

The Learning Center was presented with a $650 check for support of its night tutorial program by the Patrons' Association of Valley College, announced Austin Conover, Valley College public relations officer.

The tutoring service, a first in the Learning Center for evening students, will be available free to the 9,100 Valley students (41 percent) who attend evening classes.

According to Dorothy Bignall, president of the Patrons' Association, the presentation for the tutorial program came from membership fees and canteen operations at sporting events the same source that enables the organization to give scholarships.

The organization is also offering for sale, Entertainment '77, a coupon booklet giving special rates at selected restaurants, sports events, and shows, said Conover. It sells for $12.50 at the Business Office. All proceeds go towards the construction of a shallow pool for use by the handicapped, senior adults, and young people learning to swim.

Positions Open

The following Council positions are now open: Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; Commissioner of Records; Commissioner of Social Activities; Commissioner of Womans Athletics; and Commissioner of Chicano Ethnic Studies.

All interested persons must apply at the Student Affairs Office by noon Monday, Feb. 7. At the A.S. meeting on Tuesday at noon each candidate will give a two minute presentation to members of council who will then vote.

Drug Information

One of the many services provided for the community is the Narcotics Information Resource Center. This center provides, free of charge, over 30 films on drugs; a library of books and articles on drug abuse; speakers for school and community groups and organizations; film strips; many reprints of magazine articles; a bi-monthly newsletter and several other services for any group in the community. The center's operating hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Brown Under Fire . . .

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The CTA president stressed that if the governor or anyone else thinks money is not a major ingredient of quality education they should re-read the court's decision, which said in part:

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